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Re: Our File 582-078

Dear Mike:

We were very happy to meet you and to have you and Les spend the day with us on Wednesday. During our conversations on Wednesday, you indicated that you would like me to send you a summary of our discussions. I believe that the following comments accurately reflect the tenor of our discussions; if they do not, I hope that you and/or Les will let me know.

In general, we discussed the various invention disclosures which were on your list "Patent Applications Being Prepared - July 1975", as well as three newer disclosures (PM 676, PM 682 and PM 683), which were not on that list. These disclosures are: PM 606, PM 616, PM 624, PM 625, PM 626, PM 631, PM 632, PM 633, PM 640, PM 641, PM 643, PM 646, PM 647, PM 648, PM 649, PM 658, PM 659, PM 663, PM 664, PM 665, PM 666, PM 672, PM 676, PM 682 and PM 683.

The status of these disclosures is as follows:

One disclosure (PM 606) is being further investigated by you with the inventor.

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Ten disclosures (PM's 616, 626, 632, 633, 643, 649, 658, 664, 665 and 666) have matured into applications which have been filed in the Patent Office.

One disclosure (PM 624), which we discussed in some detail on Wednesday, has been prepared in draft form and reviewed and is now awaiting final comments from the inventor.

Four disclosures (PM's 625, 631, 640 and 647) are awaiting the results of searches. We expect to have drafts in your hands with regard to these disclosures within the next few months, unless some unusual questions arise in connection with the results of the searches (which should be in our hands shortly).

Why can't they think in terms of days or weeks instead of months!

As to one series of disclosures (PM 641), the inventor has just delivered to us the most recent versions of the inventions involved in connection with this disclosure and we expect to have applications, directed thereto, in your hands within the next few months.

Another disclosure (PM 646), which we discussed on Wednesday at some length, is still awaiting the results of additional work. However, as we discussed, a draft will be forwarded to the inventors for their comments in the near future.

We expect drafts to be sent to you within the next few months relating to PM 648, PM 659, PM 663 (which was also discussed with you at some length on Wednesday), PM 672 and PM 676.

We have reviewed the preliminary material relating to PM 682, which we received in August, 1975, but will await the final invention disclosure before proceeding with this case.

We also have in our hands PM 683, which was received August 25, 1975, and we will be in touch with you shortly with regard to the handling of this case.

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As we also discussed on Wednesday, it appears to us that the time is ripe for a further review of the Philip Morris foreign patent portfolio to determine whether or not there are any foreign applications and/or patents which might no longer be of interest to the Company and which could be abandoned in order to save the fees which pertain thereto. As you know, foreign fees and expenses are rising dramatically and it is more important than ever to avoid paying unnecessary fees.

If you would like any further comments from us in connection with the above matters, please let me know.

Like doubling by each party in the chain.

Sincerely,

Howard K. Kothe

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